

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A device for controlling at least one species of ground crawling pest, said device comprising:

5 a first area having a first construction adapted for receiving a quantity of a first pest control material having a first physical consistency; and

 at least one additional area having at least one additional construction substantially different from said
10 first construction, said at least one additional area being adapted for receiving a quantity of at least one additional pest control material having at least one additional physical consistency substantially different from said first physical consistency.

15 2. The device of claim 1 wherein said first pest control material is granular material and said first construction comprises a porous floor.

 3. The device of claim 2 wherein said porous floor comprises a plurality of holes disposed about said floor, said
20 device further comprising screen means for supporting said first pest control material and disposable between said floor surface and said first pest control material, said screen means having openings sufficient to permit passage of water and resist passage of said first pest control material.

25 4. The device of claim 2 wherein said at least one additional pest control material is at least one of semisolid material and liquid material, and said at least one additional area comprises at least one of a support surface for semisolid material and a closed-bottom chamber for liquid material.

5. The device of claim 4 wherein said closed-bottom chamber has at least one opening along an upper edge thereof of a size sufficient to permit ingress by ants to the substantial exclusion of other ground crawling pests.

5 6. The device of claim 1 wherein said first area and said at least one additional area are concentrically disposed with respect to one another.

7. The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of said first area and said at least one additional area comprise
10 a plurality of discrete zones for respectively receiving a plurality of said first pest control materials and a plurality of said at least one additional pest control materials.

8. The device of claim 2 further comprising removable, closed-bottom receptacle means for receiving a
15 quantity of said at least one additional pest control material and configured for placement in said device.

9. The device of claim 8 wherein said receptacle means is configured for substantial mating placement within said first area.

20 10. The device of claim 8 wherein said receptacle means has a top wall and opposed side walls extending between said top wall and said enclosed bottom, wherein at least one of said side walls and said top wall includes at least one opening of predetermined size to restrict access to one or
25 more selected ones of said at least one species of ground crawling pest.

11. The device of claim 8 wherein said receptacle means has an open top.

12. The device of claim 8 wherein said device has at least one pest access opening having a predetermined size, whereby said receptacle means, when placed in said device, is configured to reduce the size of said at least one pest access
5 opening to less than said predetermined size to thereby restrict access to said device to one or more selected ones of said at least one species of ground crawling pest.

13. The device of claim 1 further comprising at least one tacky surfaced pest trap configured for substantial
10 mating placement in at least one of said first area and said at least one additional area.

14. A device for controlling at least one species of ground crawling pest and at least one species of rodent, said device comprising:

15 a first substantially enclosed compartment having at least one opening for permitting ingress by rodents;

means disposed in said first compartment for controlling said at least one species of rodent; and

at least one additional compartment including
20 at least one second substantially enclosed compartment for controlling at least one species of ground crawling pest, said at least one second compartment comprising:

at least one opening for permitting ingress by ground crawling pests;

25 a first area having a first construction suitable for receiving a quantity of a first pest controlling material having a first physical consistency; and

at least one additional area having at least one additional construction substantially different from said first construction, said at least one additional area being suitable for receiving a quantity of at least one additional
5 pest controlling material having at least one additional physical consistency substantially different from said first physical consistency.

15. The device of claim 14 wherein said first pest control material is semisolid material and said at least one
10 additional pest controlling material is at least one of liquid and granular material, wherein said first area comprises a support surface for semisolid material, and wherein said at least one additional area comprises a tray having at least one zone for receiving at least one of liquid and granular pest
15 control material.

16. The device of claim 15 wherein said tray is removably mountable in said at least one second compartment.

17. The device of claim 16 wherein said tray includes tab means for facilitating placement and removal of
20 said tray from said at least one second compartment.

18. The device of claim 14 wherein said means for controlling said at least one species of rodent comprises at least one rodent trap.

19. The device of claim 18 wherein said at least
25 one rodent trap is a tacky-surfaced trap.

20. The device of claim 18 wherein said at least one rodent trap is a snap trap.

21. The device of claim 20 wherein said at least one snap trap is removably mountable in said first compartment.

22. The device of claim 21 further comprising means 5 for absorbing shock arising from triggering of said at least one snap trap.

23. The device of claim 22 wherein said first compartment has a floor and said shock absorbing means comprise partition means provided on said floor between 10 adjacent ones of said at least one snap trap.

24. The device of claim 20 wherein said at least one snap trap is permanently mounted in said first compartment.

25. The device of claim 18 further comprising means 15 disposed in advance of said at least one rodent ingress opening for causing said rodent to leap through said opening into said compartment for ensnaring by said rodent trap.

26. The device of claim 14 further comprising at least 20 one third compartment including means for receiving rodenticidal bait material.

27. The device of claim 26 wherein said means for receiving rodenticidal bait material is a removable tray.

28. The device of claim 27 wherein said tray 25 includes tab means for facilitating placement and removal of said tray from said at least one third compartment.

29. The device of claim 26 wherein said means for receiving rodenticidal bait material comprises one of a wire and a post for supporting said rodenticidal bait material.

30. The device of claim 14 wherein said first
5 compartment and said at least one additional compartment are interconnected to permit passage of at least one of rodents and ground crawling pests therebetween.

31. The device of claim 30 wherein at least one of
said first compartment and at said at least one additional
10 compartment comprise access ramp means for permitting ingress of ground crawling pests into said device.

32. The device of claim 31 wherein said at least
one additional compartment includes said access ramp means and
said at least one additional compartment further comprises
15 means for restricting access via said access ramp means to ants and other small ground crawling pests.

33. The device at claim 32 wherein said means for restricting access comprises a gap having a width of between about 1/64 to about 3/8 inch.